



# California Water Plan Update 2013

*California Water Plan Update 2013* (Update 2013) is currently being developed by staff from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and other agencies through rigorous public involvement and State and federal agency coordination processes. It will build on the contents of the previous update — the five-volume *California Water Plan Update 2009*, which provided a strategic plan, a suite of resource management strategies, reports on California's hydrologic regions, and reference and technical guides — and will introduce a number of key additions and enhancements in response to stakeholder recommendations and evolving decision-maker information needs.

***Integrated water management is a collection of policies, practices, and tools applied to water resources planning and management to achieve multiple objectives and enhanced outcomes.***

## Water Plan Framework for Integrated Water Management and Sustainability



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## Update 2013 Contents

Update 2013 will have a number of new focal areas and some changes in emphasis. The most noticeable changes for Update 2013 are listed below.

- Volume 1 will contain an updated strategic plan as well as a first-of-its-kind finance plan. Stakeholders have indicated great interest in a finance plan, as a necessary step in implementing the strategic plan and many other California Water Plan recommendations. This new financial focus will identify critical priorities for State investment in integrated water management activities. It will also recommend innovative, stable, equitable, and fiscally responsible financial strategies and revenue sources should any funding gaps be identified as part of the water plan's development.
- The reports on California's hydrologic regions will focus more on the unique conditions, objectives, efforts, priorities, and available solutions within California's regions and subregions. Regional reports also will incorporate information from regional and local resource management plans and will support a stronger nexus between land use and water management. The resource management strategies for California will also be presented in a context of increasingly integrated regional planning initiatives.
- DWR is planning a companion document to the California Water Plan in the form of a progress report. The progress report will come out between releases of the California Water Plan and will report on progress made toward implementing the recommendations laid out in the most recent plan, as well as other related initiatives, and the effectiveness of doing so.

### Other enhancements for Update 2013 are:

- Continued advancement of integrated water and flood management, to outline opportunities for partnership and achieve multiple objectives and enhanced outcomes.
- Exploration of the conditions and priorities of near-coastal resources, which share some of the challenges of coastal and inland areas.
- Improved data, metrics, and analysis methodologies.
- Information about new water technology and research/development.
- Additional resource management strategies (particularly on sediment management, outreach and education, and management of cultural water resources and practices).
- Enhanced content related to groundwater, to expand information about statewide and regional groundwater conditions and better inform groundwater management actions and policies.
- Enhanced content related to water quality, to highlight regional and statewide water quality challenges and recommend strategies to protect and improve water quality and water supply reliability.
- Development of sustainability indicators and metrics.
- Quantifications of future water demand and supply conditions for multiple alternative-growth-related scenarios and climate scenarios, and evaluation of various water management responses to them.
- Improved discussion of climate change, with greater detail and regionally specific climate change information and adaptation and mitigation strategies.

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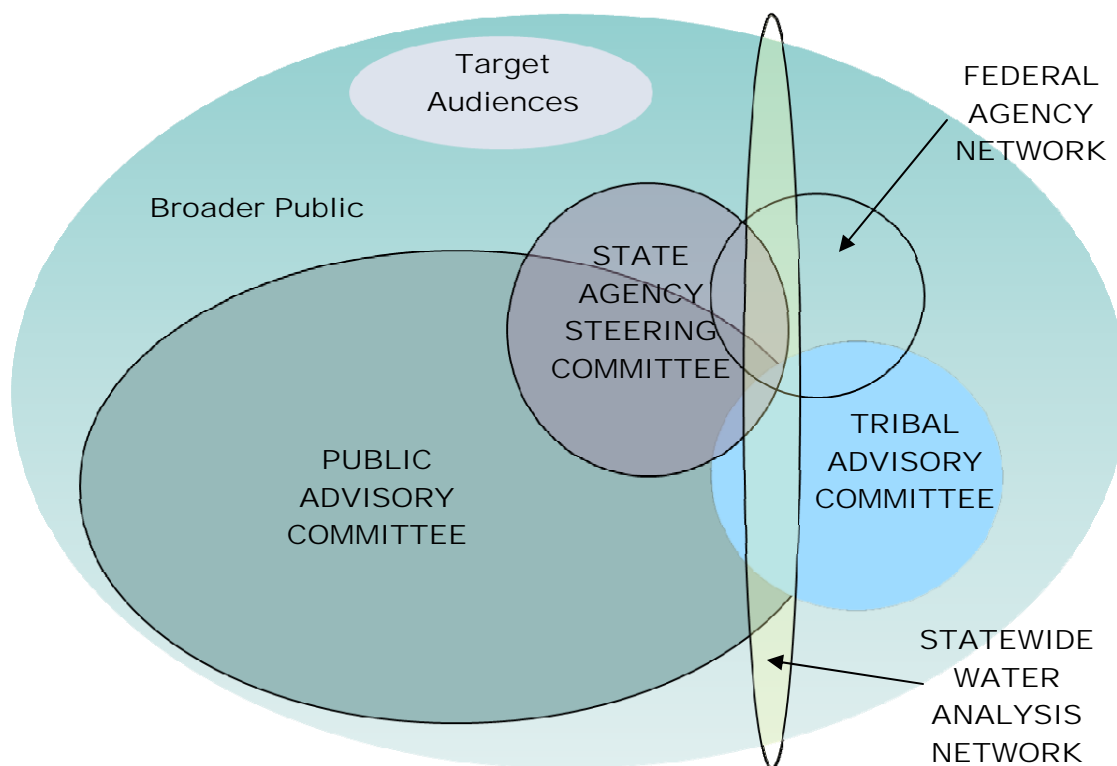
**Program for this month's Water Plan plenary meeting now available online**

The program and other information have been posted for the Water Plan Update 2013 plenary meeting. This is the annual joint session of Water Plan advisory groups. The two-day meeting will be Oct. 26 and 27, in Sacramento. It will include caucus meetings, workshops and presentations by DWR Director Mark Cowin and other keynote speakers. Those planning to attend are asked to [RSVP](#). There are no registration fees for the meeting, but there is a \$15-a-day fee for those attending the working lunch sessions.

## Update 2013 Process

The collaborative process for updating the California Water Plan has been expanded for Update 2013, as well. The project team continues to incorporate input from the Statewide Water Analysis Network, a Public Advisory Committee, and a steering committee of State agency representatives. This time, the State Agency Steering Committee has been increased to include 28

State agencies. A new Tribal Advisory Committee has been established, with representatives from 34 California tribes, bands, and rancherias who can share approaches taken and provide advice pertaining to tribal lands and cultural practices involving water. A Federal Agency Network has been added, as well.



Additionally, the regional focus of Update 2013 has led to convening regional forums, and the planned enhancements in topics such as finance and groundwater have generated a number of caucuses where stakeholders focus on specific topics as necessary to implement many of the Update 2013 enhancements.

In addition to the many public advisory, coordination, and information-sharing venues, the California Water Code requires an assumptions and estimates report and a public review draft of Update 2013 for public consideration and comments before the document is finalized and published.

## Get Involved In Your Water Plan

The following Web pages provide information on how to get involved with Update 2013 or just follow its progress.

DWR's California Water Plan Web portal:

Water Plan eNews:

Update 2013:

State Agency Steering Committee:

Federal Agency Network:

Tribal Advisory Committee:

Public Advisory Committee:

Topic-based caucuses:

Regional forums:

Statewide Water Analysis Network:

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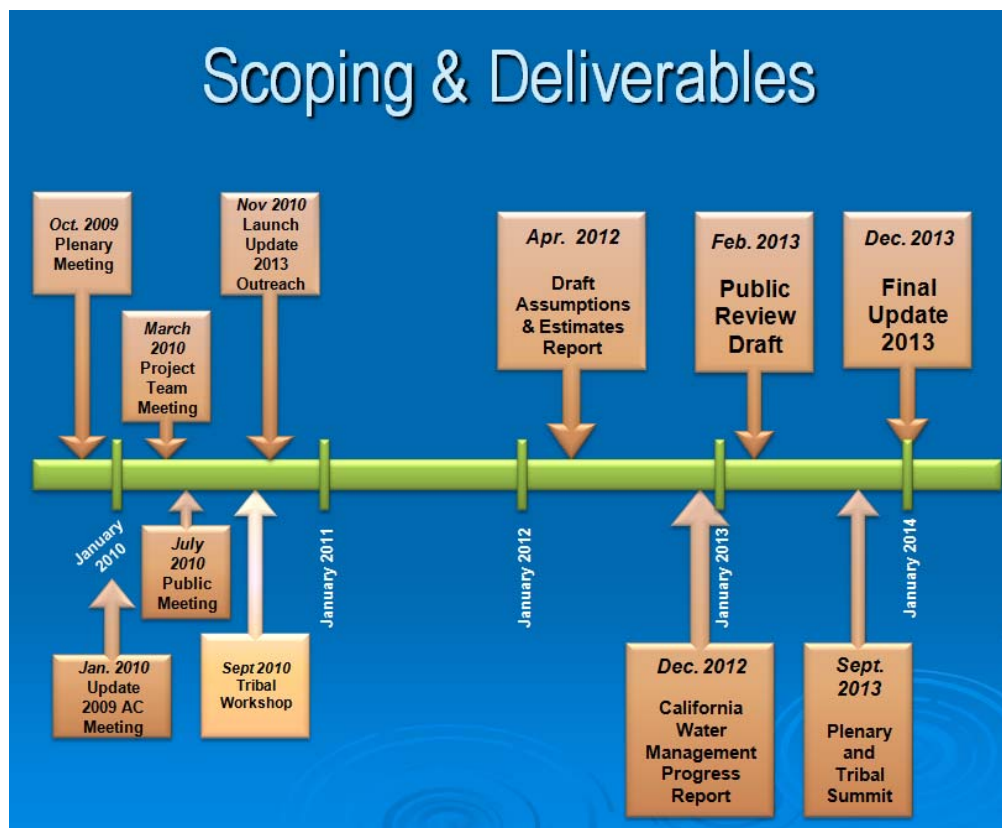
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# Update 2013 Timeline

Caucus and committee meetings, regional forums, and annual plenary meetings will be held regularly as content for Update 2013 is being developed. The public review draft of Update 2013 is expected to be released in spring 2013. At that time, members of the public may comment on the content of the plan. The final draft will be prepared and published at the end of 2013.



## What is the California Water Plan?

The California Water Plan provides a collaborative planning framework for elected officials, agencies, tribes, water and resource managers, businesses, academia, stakeholders, and the public to develop findings and recommendations and make informed decisions for California's water future. The plan, updated every five years, presents the status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources; water supplies; and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios. The California Water Plan also evaluates different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship. The evaluations and assessments performed for the plan help identify effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come. The California Water Plan presents these actions and policies, along with recommendations for implementing them, as a way of assisting policy-makers and others considering the state of water in California.

Our goal for each update of the California Water Plan is to receive broad input and support from Californians in producing a strategic water plan that: meets California Water Code requirements; guides State investments in innovation and infrastructure; and advances integrated water management and sustainable outcomes.